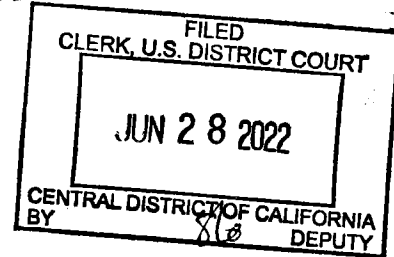


1 Elizabeth Thomas (Full Name)
 2 Lakewood Carson Street (Address Line 1)
 3 11744 Carson Street (Address Line 1)
 4 Lakewood, CA 90715 (Address Line 2)
 5 (626) 541-3665 (Phone Number)
 6 Plaintiff in Pro Per
 7 (Indicate Plaintiff or Defendant)

INTENDED
Complaint



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

10 Jesse Manuel
 11 Ortiz, Elizabeth
 12 Thomas, Federal Agent Rodriguez

PLAINTIFF.

Case No.: CV22-2802-CJC(JEM)
(To be supplied by the Clerk)

COMPLAINT FOR:

Quiet Title, Perjury with the
intent to Fraud the Court,
Violation of Amendment

vs.

14 Lakewood Sheriff's Department,
 15 William Rothacker Jr., Calneal
 16 Capital Investments LLC, Lakewood
 17 Hotel, Christopher Land, Oliver
 18 Pioneer Market Liquor-Store
 19 Golden State Hotel, Southern, CA
 20 Edison, Edge West
 DEFENDANT(S).

Jury Trial Demanded: ☒ Yes ☐ No

I. JURISDICTION

1. This Court has jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C 1331 Federal Question

The district Courts shall have Original Jurisdiction
of all civil actions arising under the Constitution,
Laws, or treaties of The United States.

II. VENUE

2. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1391

The Property at issue in this complaint is located in this district.

III. PARTIES

3. Plaintiff's name is Elizabeth Thomas & Jesse Daniel Ortiz. Plaintiff resides at: 11747 Carson Street, Lakewood, CA 90715. Plaintiff began staying at the Property in 2017. Plaintiff almost died on the Property, Los Alamitos Hospital would not check him in. The doctor immediately transferred him to U.C.I Medical Center - Placentia Hospital to run tests because they never seen anything like this infection before.

4. Defendant

Lakewood Sheriff's Department are mentioned in this complaint because several significant events were witnessed by the Sheriff's and Plaintiff took like the judge to subpoena documents from them as proof for Plaintiff's case.

5. Defendant William Rotvacker Jr. is the owner of Cardance Capital Investments, LLC. Defendant claims to be the owner of the property Plaintiff are staying in. Defendant brought a claim before the courts when it should have been dismissed based on the statute of limitations and several events that occurred.

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1 #3 Defendant Lakewood Inn Motel "The Owner"

2 Insert ¶ #

3 Defendant is Plaintiff's Neighbor. Defendant
4 claims to have interest in Plaintiff's property.

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8 #4 Defendant Carburetor Land "Automotive Shop"

9 Insert ¶ #

10 Owner claims to have interest in Plaintiff's property.

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14 #4 Defendant CARSON - Pioneer Liquor Market

15 Insert ¶ #

16 The owners of this liquor store claim to have
17 some interest in Plaintiff's property.

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21 #5 Defendant Golden State Water, Southern California Edison, Edison Water District

22 Insert ¶ #

23 These are the utility companies Plaintiff pays
24 money to monthly. Plaintiff would like the judge to
25 issue a subpoena to produce documents proving
26 Plaintiff's ownership.

IV. STATEMENT OF FACTS

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Insert ¶¶

Possession

Plaintiffs Are in Possession of the Property. Plaintiffs Are there and have exclusive Possession to the Property.

Plaintiff Thomas Put up Signs on the building announcing ownership. Plaintiff Position their American Flags above the Main Window for Everyone to see.

Plaintiffs have all Utilities established in their names and a trash account in their business name. Plaintiffs have 8 tenants that rent space from them and have built a shed in the back and remodeled every room.

The Statute of Limitations to file a claim has expired. Defendants can not make a claim because Plaintiffs put up Signs for the world to see. With routine checks and Daily Maintenance "The true owner" would have noticed that someone was living there.

#2. Defendant Filed a Unlawful Detainer Against the Plaintiffs wife. Falsely Accused her of Breakins and

Entering the Property. Plaintiff does not know where these accusations came from. Defendant said Plaintiff snuck in over night and withheld the Property from the true Owner. These are False and the defendant should be held accountable for Misleading the Court to receive Possession of Plaintiffs Property. Because of the Statute of Limitations Defendant Lied because their time to file a claim had expired.

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 3 TO: Bring a claim forth ... and get it heard
 4 by ^{Insert} a judge and win; TO lie would be the only way possible.
 5 Defendant should be arrested and Fined \$5000 For Perjury
 6 And the intention to deceive the court and unlawfully
 7 Win Possession of Plaintiff Property. Defendant under oath
 8 Submitted Photos to the court May 2020 as ID Card
 9 as evidence. When Presented w/ The Photos Ms. Thomas
 10 noticed the deceit right away. Before she could say
 11 anything the defendant mentioned he had took the
 12 ^{Insert} Photo at a auto. Clearly it was a lie. several
 13 Photos that defendant presented were Photoshopped.
 14 Defendant presented copies of Checks made For taxes and
 15 those were Fake. The defendant Forgot to mention the
 16 Property was in default for some time. Plaintiff would like
 17 for defendant to Prove the date taxes were Paid.
 18 Plaintiff can Prove she Paid before defendant.
 19 Defendant mentioned a trial date but did NOT Inform Plaintiff
 20 of witnesses or any Pictures or documents that were gonna
 21 be used. Defendant Attempted to send something, via Fedex
 22 but ^{Insert} delivered it to a residence near Plaintiff's old
 23 address. If defendants did their Research they would have
 24 noticed on the Secretary of state website Business search
 25 that Plaintiff's Address is Clear as day. Defendant sent
 26 documents to the last old address - to Mistard and Pile
 27 a lie response to Plaintiff in court to unlawfully Possess
 28 the Property. Defendant should be held Accountable and
 Fined \$6000.

V. CAUSES OF ACTION

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

(Violation of Amendment V)

insert title of cause of action

(As against Defendant(s): LAKESIDE SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT
William Rothacker -tr. Cadence Capital Investments, LLC

#1. NO Person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless presentment or indictment of a grand jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces or in the militia, when in actual service in time of war or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be witness against him-
self nor be deprived of life, liberty or property ^{Insert #} without due process. Nor shall private property be taken for public use.

Plaintiff did not have proper representation for the defense, she/he requested additional time but the court would not provide because the defendant wanted to proceed with the trial.

#2. Violation of Amendment VIII

Insert #

"Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishment inflicted." Plaintiff's husband was arrested on April 26, 2022. Plaintiff wife and himself had gotten into an argument that was because of stress. THE BELLEVUE COURTHOUSE FOR Plaintiff is a diversion program that the wife says "ruined their relationship" and she is now using the courthouse and Lucida Behavioral Services in small claims court.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

Rule 3.1327 Violated and Ignored

Insert title of cause of action

(As against Defendant(s): William Pottracker Jr. Cadence Capital Investments, LLC)

#1. Motions TO QUASH or TO STAY action in Summary Proceedings involving Possession of Real Property.

(A) Notice, in an unlawful detainer action or other action brought under chapter 4 of Title 3 of Part 3 of The Code of Civil Procedure (commencing with Section 1135) notice of a motion to quash service of summons on the ground of lack of jurisdiction or to stay or dismiss the action on the ground.

#2. Plaintiff filed a motion to quash during her trial. Defendants completely ignored her response. Defendants should be held accountable and fined \$500 for lying under oath and not following protocol necessary.

#3. Defendant owed a "Legal Duty of Care" to the public. Defendant's negligence caused Plaintiff to have permanent nerve damage in his left hand. Plaintiff can not use the hand that well. Nor can he feel anything in his left hand. Plaintiffs will always and forever have nerve damage.

UCI medical center stated that Plaintiff has Pains and will put his hand and Pies ~~in~~ before and afterwards.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

CA
(Code Civ. Code - Civ. Division 3 - Obligations)
insert title of cause of action

(As against Defendant(s): William Rothacker JR.)

#1. An Obligation is a legal duty; by which a

Insert ¶ #

Person is bound to do or not to do a certain thing. Defendant was obligated to maintain and keep up keep to the property and to maintain it well. The property was in default of taxes, it had been abandoned for several years. The homeless was in and out of it and there was trash everywhere and the property

Insert ¶ #

was a issue to the community. The crime rate increased due to this property being abandoned and neglected. On Carson st the homeless were committing crimes ~~and~~ The crime committed increased because of the drug usage which was happening right there on Carson st. Plaintiff and I had to remove trash, and

Insert ¶ #

clean up the property. There were so much paraphernalia and things hidden in the dirt or grass had grew up on.

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

(Statute of Limitations)

insert title of cause of action

(As against Defendant(s): William Rothacker Jr.)

#1. ~~Defendants~~ ~~can not~~ claim of ownership is by mistake. Property was in default, the property was neglected, abandoned and misused by the homeless.

#2. Defendant owed a legal duty of care to the public by maintaining the properties landscaping, checking the premises for any trespassers and removing having trash taken out. Picked up. Defendant wants possession of Plaintiff's property but statute of limitations has ran out / expired. When service went on the building announcing Plaintiff's ownership and no one opposed. Till 5 years later. Plaintiff has exclusive possession, Plaintiff is the only one with keys, Plaintiff has paid sum taxes and all utilities are in their name. Tenants w/ leases are on the property and their property. Boats that are \$50,000 in value, toy trailers and The Plaintiff has a contract w/ the port of Long Beach. One of the Plaintiff's tenants are storing containers back and forth for the port.

VI. REQUEST FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff requests:

#1. This Case be reviewed thoroughly.

^{Insert ¶ #}
The evidence be looked at with consideration to how long we have been here Plaintiff asks that the defendant ~~no longer~~ dismiss their frivolous claims and just accept that Plaintiff put to use the property that ~~they~~ defendant

^{Insert ¶ #}
Abandoned.

Plaintiff asks that defendant be held in Contempt for Perjury and false allegations

and Attempting to Mislead the court

^{Insert ¶ #}
with Photo shopped evidence. Plaintiff request that William Rothacker Jr. leave Plaintiff alone and their property alone and

Pay a \$500 Fine For false allegations.

^{Insert ¶ #}
For my husbands hand damage and nerve damage Plaintiff is suing Defendant for \$1,000,000 for Plaintiff nerve damage and suffering.

Dated: June 28, 2022

Sign: Elizabeth Thomas

Print Name: Elizabeth Thomas, Plaintiff
Jesse Ortiz

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DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff hereby requests a jury trial on all issues raised in this complaint.

Dated: June 28, 2022

Sign: [Signature]

Print Name: Jose Ortiz, Elizabeth Thomas

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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS (Check box if you are representing yourself ☒)

Elizabeth Thomas

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff *Los Angeles*

(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address and Telephone Number) If you are representing yourself, provide the same information.

*Elizabeth Thomas
1717 Carver Street, Lakewood, CA 91015*

DEFENDANTS (Check box if you are representing yourself ☐)

Lakewood M.P. Lakewood City Council, Lakewood Sheriff Dept, Anthony Land Lakewood Inn, Teacher Lakewood City Council

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant *Los Angeles*

(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

Attorneys (Firm Name, Address and Telephone Number) If you are representing yourself, provide the same information.

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an X in one box only.)

☐ 1. U.S. Government Plaintiff

☐ 3. Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)

☐ 2. U.S. Government Defendant

☒ 4. Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES For Diversity Cases Only
(Place an X in one box for plaintiff and one for defendant)

Citizen of This State

PTF ☒ 1 DEF ☐ 1

Incorporated or Principal Place of Business in this State

PTF ☐ 4 DEF ☒ 4

Citizen of Another State

☐ 2 ☐ 2

Incorporated and Principal Place of Business in Another State

☐ 5 ☐ 5

Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country

☐ 3 ☐ 3

Foreign Nation

☐ 6 ☐ 6

IV. ORIGIN (Place an X in one box only.)

☒ 1. Original Proceeding

☐ 2. Removed from State Court

☐ 3. Remanded from Appellate Court

☐ 4. Reinstated or Reopened

☐ 5. Transferred from Another District (Specify)

☐ 6. Multidistrict Litigation - Transfer

☐ 8. Multidistrict Litigation - Direct File

V. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT: JURY DEMAND: ☒ Yes ☐ No (Check "Yes" only if demanded in complaint.)

CLASS ACTION under F.R.Cv.P. 23: ☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ **MONEY DEMANDED IN COMPLAINT:** \$ *95,000*

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION (Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing and write a brief statement of cause. Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.)

Cal. Civ. Code § 700.020 Plaintiff claims title to all specific property, request court to rule that Plaintiff's title is superior to any interest claimed by Defendant.

VII. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an X in one box only.) *28 US CODE § 2409a*

OTHER STATUTES	CONTRACT	REAL PROPERTY CONT.	IMMIGRATION	PRISONER PETITIONS	PROPERTY RIGHTS
<input type="checkbox"/> 375 False Claims Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance	<input type="checkbox"/> 240 Torts to Land	<input type="checkbox"/> 462 Naturalization Application	Habeas Corpus:	<input type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights
<input type="checkbox"/> 376 Qui Tam (31 USC 3729(a))	<input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine	<input type="checkbox"/> 245 Tort Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 465 Other Immigration Actions	<input type="checkbox"/> 463 Alien Detainee	<input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent
<input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment	<input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 290 All Other Real Property	TORTS	<input type="checkbox"/> 510 Motions to Vacate Sentence	<input type="checkbox"/> 835 Patent - Abbreviated New Drug Application
<input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust	<input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument	PERSONAL INJURY	<input type="checkbox"/> 370 Other Fraud	<input type="checkbox"/> 530 General	<input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark
<input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking	<input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment	<input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane	<input type="checkbox"/> 371 Truth in Lending	<input type="checkbox"/> 535 Death Penalty	<input type="checkbox"/> 880 Defend Trade Secrets Act of 2016 (DTSA)
<input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce/ICC Rates/Etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 380 Other Personal Property Damage	Other:	SOCIAL SECURITY
<input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation	<input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loan (Excl. Vet.)	<input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander	<input type="checkbox"/> 385 Property Damage Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 540 Mandamus/Other	<input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (1395ff)
<input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced & Corrupt Org.	<input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Vet. Benefits	<input type="checkbox"/> 330 Fed. Employers' Liability	BANKRUPTCY	<input type="checkbox"/> 550 Civil Rights	<input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923)
<input type="checkbox"/> 480 Consumer Credit	<input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholders' Suits	<input type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine	<input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal 28 USC 158	<input type="checkbox"/> 555 Prison Condition	<input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIWW (405 (g))
<input type="checkbox"/> 485 Telephone Consumer Protection Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract	<input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157	<input type="checkbox"/> 560 Civil Detainee Conditions of Confinement	<input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSID Title XVI
<input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Sat TV	<input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle	CIVIL RIGHTS	FORFEITURE/PENALTY	<input type="checkbox"/> 865 RSI (405 (g))
<input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange	<input type="checkbox"/> 196 Franchise	<input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 440 Other Civil Rights	<input type="checkbox"/> 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881	FEDERAL TAX SUITS
<input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions	REAL PROPERTY	<input type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury	<input type="checkbox"/> 441 Voting	<input type="checkbox"/> 690 Other	<input type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant)
<input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Acts	<input type="checkbox"/> 210 Land Condemnation	<input type="checkbox"/> 362 Personal Injury-Med Malpractice	<input type="checkbox"/> 442 Employment	LABOR	<input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS-Third Party 26 USC 7609
<input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters	<input type="checkbox"/> 220 Foreclosure	<input type="checkbox"/> 365 Personal Injury-Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 443 Housing/Accommodations	<input type="checkbox"/> 710 Fair Labor Standards Act	
<input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Info. Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment	<input type="checkbox"/> 367 Health Care/Pharmaceutical Personal Injury Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 445 American with Disabilities-Employment	<input type="checkbox"/> 720 Labor/Mgmt. Relations	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 896 Arbitration		<input type="checkbox"/> 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 446 American with Disabilities-Other	<input type="checkbox"/> 740 Railway Labor Act	
<input type="checkbox"/> 899 Admin. Procedures Act/Review of Appeal of Agency Decision			<input type="checkbox"/> 448 Education	<input type="checkbox"/> 751 Family and Medical Leave Act	
<input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes				<input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation	
				<input type="checkbox"/> 791 Employee Ret. Inc. Security Act	

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☒ NO ☐ YES

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VIII. VENUE: Your answers to the questions below will determine the division of the Court to which this case will be initially assigned. This initial assignment is subject to change, in accordance with the Court's General Orders, upon review by the Court of your Complaint or Notice of Removal.

QUESTION A: Was this case removed from state court?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "no," skip to Question B. If "yes," check the box to the right that applies, enter the corresponding division in response to Question E, below, and continue from there.

STATE CASE WAS PENDING IN THE COUNTY OF:

- ☐ Los Angeles, Ventura, Santa Barbara, or San Luis Obispo
☐ Orange
☐ Riverside or San Bernardino

INITIAL DIVISION IN CACD IS:

Western
Southern
Eastern

QUESTION B: Is the United States, or one of its agencies or employees, a PLAINTIFF in this action?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "no," skip to Question C. If "yes," answer Question B.1, at right.

B.1. Do 50% or more of the defendants who reside in the district reside in Orange Co.?

check one of the boxes to the right →

☐ YES. Your case will initially be assigned to the Southern Division. Enter "Southern" in response to Question E, below, and continue from there.

☒ NO. Continue to Question B.2.

B.2. Do 50% or more of the defendants who reside in the district reside in Riverside and/or San Bernardino Counties? (Consider the two counties together.)

check one of the boxes to the right →

☐ YES. Your case will initially be assigned to the Eastern Division. Enter "Eastern" in response to Question E, below, and continue from there.

☒ NO. Your case will initially be assigned to the Western Division. Enter "Western" in response to Question E, below, and continue from there.

QUESTION C: Is the United States, or one of its agencies or employees, a DEFENDANT in this action?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "no," skip to Question D. If "yes," answer Question C.1, at right.

C.1. Do 50% or more of the plaintiffs who reside in the district reside in Orange Co.?

check one of the boxes to the right →

☐ YES. Your case will initially be assigned to the Southern Division. Enter "Southern" in response to Question E, below, and continue from there.

☒ NO. Continue to Question C.2.

C.2. Do 50% or more of the plaintiffs who reside in the district reside in Riverside and/or San Bernardino Counties? (Consider the two counties together.)

check one of the boxes to the right →

☐ YES. Your case will initially be assigned to the Eastern Division. Enter "Eastern" in response to Question E, below, and continue from there.

☒ NO. Your case will initially be assigned to the Western Division. Enter "Western" in response to Question E, below, and continue from there.

QUESTION D: Location of plaintiffs and defendants?

A.

Orange County

B.

Riverside or San Bernardino County

C.

Los Angeles, Ventura, Santa Barbara, or San Luis Obispo County

Indicate the location(s) in which 50% or more of plaintiffs who reside in this district reside. (Check up to two boxes, or leave blank if none of these choices apply.)

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Indicate the location(s) in which 50% or more of defendants who reside in this district reside. (Check up to two boxes, or leave blank if none of these choices apply.)

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D.1. Is there at least one answer in Column A?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "yes," your case will initially be assigned to the SOUTHERN DIVISION.

Enter "Southern" in response to Question E, below, and continue from there.

If "no," go to question D2 to the right. →

D.2. Is there at least one answer in Column B?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "yes," your case will initially be assigned to the EASTERN DIVISION.

Enter "Eastern" in response to Question E, below.

If "no," your case will be assigned to the WESTERN DIVISION.

Enter "Western" in response to Question E, below. ↓

QUESTION E: Initial Division?

Enter the initial division determined by Question A, B, C, or D above: →

INITIAL DIVISION IN CACD

WESTERN DIVISION

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QUESTION F: Northern Counties?

Do 50% or more of plaintiffs or defendants in this district reside in Ventura, Santa Barbara, or San Luis Obispo counties?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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IX(a). IDENTICAL CASES: Has this action been previously filed in this court?

☒ NO

☐ YES

If yes, list case number(s): _____

IX(b). RELATED CASES: Is this case related (as defined below) to any civil or criminal case(s) previously filed in this court?

☒ NO

☐ YES

If yes, list case number(s): _____

Civil cases are related when they (check all that apply):

- ☐ A. Arise from the same or a closely related transaction, happening, or event;
- ☐ B. Call for determination of the same or substantially related or similar questions of law and fact; or
- ☐ C. For other reasons would entail substantial duplication of labor if heard by different judges.

Note: That cases may involve the same patent, trademark, or copyright is not, in itself, sufficient to deem cases related.

A civil forfeiture case and a criminal case are related when they (check all that apply):

- ☐ A. Arise from the same or a closely related transaction, happening, or event;
- ☐ B. Call for determination of the same or substantially related or similar questions of law and fact; or
- ☐ C. Involve one or more defendants from the criminal case in common and would entail substantial duplication of labor if heard by different judges.

X. SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY

OR SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANT):

Elizabeth Thomas

DATE:

June 2, 2022

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Key to Statistical codes relating to Social Security Cases:

Nature of Suit Code	Abbreviation	Substantive Statement of Cause of Action
861	HIA	All claims for health insurance benefits (Medicare) under Title 18, Part A, of the Social Security Act, as amended. Also, include claims by hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, etc., for certification as providers of services under the program. (42 U.S.C. 1935ff(b))
862	BL	All claims for "Black Lung" benefits under Title 4, Part B, of the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969. (30 U.S.C. 923)
863	DIWC	All claims filed by insured workers for disability insurance benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended; plus all claims filed for child's insurance benefits based on disability. (42 U.S.C. 405 (g))
863	DIWW	All claims filed for widows or widowers insurance benefits based on disability under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. 405 (g))
864	SSID	All claims for supplemental security income payments based upon disability filed under Title 16 of the Social Security Act, as amended.
865	RSI	All claims for retirement (old age) and survivors benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. 405 (g))

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CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

**NOTICE TO PARTIES: COURT POLICY ON SETTLEMENT
AND USE OF ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR)**
Counsel are required to furnish and discuss this Notice with their clients.

Despite the efforts of the courts to achieve a fair, timely and just outcome in all cases, litigation has become an often lengthy and expensive process. For this reason, it is this Court's policy to encourage parties to attempt to settle their disputes, whenever possible, through alternative dispute resolution (ADR).

ADR can reduce both the time it takes to resolve a case and the costs of litigation, which can be substantial. ADR options include mediation, arbitration (binding or non-binding), neutral evaluation (NE), conciliation, mini-trial and fact-finding. ADR can be either Court-directed or privately conducted.

The Court's ADR Program offers mediation through a panel of qualified and impartial attorneys who will encourage the fair, speedy and economic resolution of civil actions. Panel Mediators each have at least ten years of legal experience and are appointed by the Court. They volunteer their preparation time and the first three hours of a mediation session. This is a cost-effective way for parties to explore potential avenues of resolution.

This Court requires that counsel discuss with their clients the ADR options available and instructs them to come to the initial scheduling conference prepared to discuss the parties' choice of ADR option. The ADR options available are: a settlement conference before the magistrate judge assigned to the case or the magistrate judge in Santa Barbara, the Court Mediation Panel, and private mediation. Counsel are also required to indicate the client's choice of ADR option in advance of the initial scheduling conference. *See* L.R. 26-1(c) and Fed.R.Civ.P. 26(f).

Clients and their counsel should carefully consider the anticipated expense of litigation, the uncertainties as to outcome, the time it will take to get to trial, the time an appeal will take if a decision is appealed, the burdens on a client's time, and the costs and expenses of litigation in relation to the amounts or stakes involved.

Each year thousands of civil cases are filed in this district, yet typically no more than one percent go to trial. Most cases are settled between the parties, voluntarily dismissed, resolved through Court-directed or other forms of ADR, or dismissed by the Court as lacking in merit or for other reasons provided by law.

For more information about the Court's ADR Program, the Mediation Panel, and the profiles of mediators, visit the Court website, www.cacd.uscourts.gov, under "ADR."